

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the captioned application as amended herewith is respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the Interview on 29 July 2005.

This amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and a Revised Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 ("Declaration").

The Office Action:

- a) rejected claims 2 – 6, 8 - 11, 13, 14, 16 – 22, 24 – 36, and 73 under 35 USC §103(a) by JP 2-53271 to Okada et al. ("Okada") in view of United States Patent No. 6,139,865 to Friend, et al. ("Friend"), CA 2068366 ("Abstract"), and United States Patent No. 5,958,458 to Norling, et al. ("Norling").

Claims 1, 7, 10, 12, 15, 20, 23, 28, 34, and 37 - 72 were cancelled. Claims 2 – 6, 8 – 9, 11, 13 -14, 16 – 19, 21- 22, 24 – 27, 29 – 33, 35 -36, and 73 remain pending in this application after entry of this amendment.

As discussed in the Interview, a revised Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132, in which the inadvertent typographical errors of Table A have been corrected, is submitted herewith.

The Rejection of Claims 2 – 6, 8 – 11, 13, 14, 16 – 22, 24 – 36 and 73 under 35 USC §103(a) as Unpatentable Over Okada in view of Friend, Abstract, and Norling Should Be Withdrawn

Claims 2 – 6, 8 – 11, 13, 14, 16 – 22, 24 – 36 and 73 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Okada in view of Friend, Abstract, and Norling. Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons that follow.

During the Interview, the "examiner indicated that [specifying the anti grit agent as being selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, and mixtures thereof,] would overcome prior art of record, i.e., JP 2-53271 (Okada)." See Interview Summary. In view of the amendment to the claims herein and the submission of the revised

Declaration, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of the claims under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Okada in view of Friend, Abstract, and Norling has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It is submitted that the foregoing amendments and remarks place the case in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

In the event that all of the claims are not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request for an interview with the Examiner before the preparation of the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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